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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

April 4, 2002

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VIA FAX AND CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ames Supply Company
c/o John Loseman
Lewis Overbeck and Furman
135 S. LaSalle Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Re: Downers Grove Groundwater Site

Dear Mr. Loseman

This letter confirms previous conversations between you, me and Associate Regional Counsel Thomas Krueger of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). In those conversations, I requested on behalf of the U.S. EPA that your client provide access to its property located at 2537 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, Illinois for U.S. EPA and the Illinois EPA to investigate potential contamination.

Specifically, U.S. EPA wants to begin staking out potential sampling locations during the week of April 8, 2002, in preparation for soil borings, well drilling and Geoprobe borings to occur beginning around the week of April 15, 2002. These activities (which will also be taking place at four other businesses in the immediate vicinity) should be completed within 4-6 weeks.

As we discussed, during U.S. EPA's site visit next week it hopes to refine the sampling locations and details in coordination with your client. As you mentioned in our phone conversation, we would appreciate copies of the most recent sampling and investigations at the facility. In this way the final sampling plan can take into account your client's knowledge of site operations and can minimize the intrusion on your client's ongoing operations.

Enclosed is a consent for access for your client's signature. This consent for access provides U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA with the access needed to perform necessary investigative and associated activities. Please sign this consent for access and return it to me as soon as possible, but no later than April 10, 2002.

Please contact me at (312) 353-9351 or Mr. Krueger at (312) 886-0562, if you have any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Steven J. Faryan
On-Scene Coordinator

Enclosure

cc: Thomas Krueger, C-14J
Carol Ropski, SE-5J

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DO NOT DISSEMINATE OUTSIDE OF U.S. EPA**

CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY
Ames Supply Company
Downers Grove, Illinois

Name: Ames Supply Company

Address 2537 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, Illinois
of Property:

I consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) entering and having continued access to this property for the following purposes:

Containing hazardous materials present on the property;

Conducting monitoring and sampling activity;

Preparing for and disposing of hazardous materials;

Performing other actions to investigate contamination on the property that U.S. EPA may determine to be necessary; and

Taking any response action to address any release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant which U.S. EPA determines may pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or the environment.

I realize that these actions taken by U.S. EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq.

This written permission is given by me voluntarily, on behalf of myself and all other co-owners of this property, with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

Date

Signature